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1. WE UNABLE COMMENT ON VIABILITY INDEPENDENT SPANISH SAHARA. WE HAVE ASSUMED THAT MOST WORKABLE SOLUTION WAS PARTITION BETWEEN MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA. ALGERIANS EVIDENTLY WILL INSIST ON SOME SORT OF GESTURE TOWARDS SELF-DETERMINATION, HOWEVER, AND THEY APPARENTLY HOLD ENOUGH CARDS TO IMPRESS MOROCCANS.

2.IT DIFFICULT TO TELL HOW SINCERE ALGERIANS ARE IN THEIR SUPPORT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION, BUT IT EVIDENTLY IS A PRINCIPLE TO WHICH THEY MUST PAY PUBLIC FEALTY. WE BELIEVE THERE IS SOME FORMULA WHICH WILL PERSUADE ALGERIANS TO RISE ABOVE THIS PRINCIPLE, BUT IS IS GOING TO TAKE GREATER DEGREE OF STRAIGHTFORWARDNESS THAN MOROCCANS APPEAR TO HAVE DISPLAYED TO DATE. LESS JINGOISM AND MORE QUIET DIPLOMACY WOULD HELP.
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